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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Robert J. Yotka et al.

Appln. No.: 10/712,114

Filed: Nov. 13, 2003

For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING
RELEASE OF N-SUBSTITUTED
DERIVATIVES OF ASPARTAME
IN CHEWING GUM AND GUM
PRODUCED THEREBY

Examiner: Arthur L. Corbin

Art Unit: 1761

Attorney Docket No: 1391/1561

**SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME
3,492,131	01/27/1970	J. Schlatter
4,284,721	08/18/1981	Oyama et al.
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EP 0 272 220 A2	06/22/1988	Europe
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For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one page), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As all but one of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary for those references, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). As to French patent Application No. 2,719,592, the relevance of the reference is given in the attached European Supplemental Search Report. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

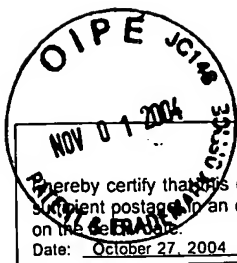
Applicant hereby certifies pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that no item of information in this Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement (a copy of any foreign communication first citing a listed reference is attached for the Examiner's reference). Applicant has further calculated a processing fee in the amount of \$180.00 to be due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) in connection with the filing of this Statement. Applicant has enclosed a Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$180.00 for the fee for filing this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 form, copies of four cited references B6-B8 and credit card fee authorization form.
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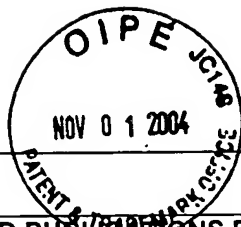
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	B9	Supplementary European Search Report fro corresponding Application No. 98926372.9, dated July 28, 2004, 10 pages.

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